

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1 and 3-5 are pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Desbrun et al. in view of Pfister et al. Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Desbrun et al. in view of Pfister et al., in further view of Reynolds et al. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Desbrun et al. in view of Pfister et al., in further view of Desbrun et al. ("interactive animation of structured deformable objects").

However, the Examiner has indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has canceled claim 2 and amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of the canceled claim. As a result, it is believed that the rejections are deemed moot and all of the pending claims 1 and 3-5 are allowable.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-5 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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